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SUBJECT: US AIRCRAFT FLY-BY OF NAIROBI ON KENYAN
INDEPENDENCE DAY

1. IN RESPONSE TO REQUEST FROM GOK, US WILL CONDUCT
AIRCRAFT FLY-BY OF NAIROBI ON OCCASION OF KENYAN INDE-
PENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION DECEMBER 12. FLY-BY WILL BE
MADE BY 12 AV-8 HARRIER AIRCRAFT FROM USS GUAM (LPH-9,
AMPHIBIOUS ASSAULT HELICOPTER CARRIER) WHICH WILL BE
VISITING MOMBASA COINCIDENT WITH CELEBRATION. GUAM WILL
BE ACCOMPANIED BY USS CLAUDE V. RICKETS (DDG-5) AND
USS DUPONT (DD-941).

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2. VISITS WILL BE ANNOUNCED BY USG AND GOK DECEMBER 8.
ANNOUNCEMENT WILL EMPHASIZE ROUTINE NATURE OF PORT VISIT:
FLY-BY WILL BE ANNOUNCED AS RESPONSE TO GOK INVITATION
FOR US PARTICIPATION IN INDEPENDENCE CELEBRATION.

3. IF APPROACHED BY TANZANIAN OFFICIALS OR PRESS FOLLOW-
ING ANNOUNCEMENT, EMBASSY DAR SHOULD RESPOND BY STRESSING
FACT THAT US NAVAL VISITS TO MOMBASA HAVE BECOME
ROUTINE, THAT GOK ASKED FOR USG PARTICIPATION IN INDE-
PENDENCE CEREMONY THIS YEAR IF AVAILABILITY OF APPROPRI-
ATE UNITS SO PERMITTED, AND THAT, GIVEN AVAILABILITY OF
USS GUAM WITH COMPLEMENT ABOARD OF HARRIER AIRCRAFT
SUITABLE FOR A FLY-BY, WE DECIDED TO ACCEDE TO GOK
REQUEST. IN PRIVATE CONVERSATIONS WITH TANZANIAN
OFFICIALS, FOREGOING COULD BE COUPLED WITH EXPRESSION
OF HOPE THAT FLY-BY NOT BE MISINTERPRETED AS BEING
ANYTHING OTHER THAN A SMALL GESTURE ON OUR PART TO
ACCOMMODATE GOK DESIRE TO EMBELLISH THEIR INDEPENDENCE
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